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In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

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The above-referenced documents are listed on PTO Form 1449. We have enclosed the cited documents to facilitate reference to them.

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Please note that EP 0 368111 and DE-OS 34 25 419 discussed in the specification of the present application correspond respectively to U.S. Patent No. 5,038,581 and U.S. Patent No. 4,752,310 cited in this Information Disclosure Statement.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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